



Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Calendar of Events

FALL-WINTER 2012-2013

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Making a list and checking it twice—not presents, birds! Be a part of this international survey. Volunteers are needed for the count. All skill levels are welcome. If you are new to the count, you will be placed on a team with seasoned counters—a great way to learn!

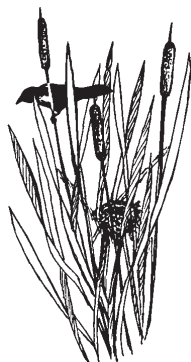
Place: Meet at the refuge headquarters

Cost: registration fee paid by the Great Dismal Swamp Coalition

Registration: call Don Schwab or Deloras Freeman at 757/986-3705

Time: 6:30 am - 2:00 pm

Date: Saturday, December 15, 2012



OWL PROWL The setting sun signals the evening birds to begin their patrol of the forest. Come take a walk through their beat. Appropriate for ages 6 and older with adult.

Guide: Don Schwab, Refuge Biologist

Place: Meet at the Jericho Lane parking area.

Cost: free

Registration: 757-986-3705

Time: 5:00 pm

Date: Friday December 28, 2012

LOUSY BIRD WALKS Probably not really “lousy,” but on a winter walk one never knows what will be waiting around the bend. We do know the bugs will be gone, as well as the foliage, leaving the wildlife more exposed to your prying eyes. Walks take approximately 1 1/2 hours and 1 mile of trail. Appropriate for ages 6 and older with adult.

Cost: Free

Registration: Reservations suggested (757-986-3705)

Time: 7:30 am - 9:30 am

Date and Place:

-- Saturdays, December 22, 2012 and February 9, 2013; meet at Washinton Ditch parking area

-- Saturdays, January 19 and February 23, 2013; meet at Jericho parking area

DEER HUNT Annual white-tailed deer hunt.

Scouting date: September 29, 2012

Hunt dates: October: 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, November: 2, 3, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17. *Portions of the refuge will be closed to all other public use activities on scheduled hunt days.*

Registration: (New for 2012!) By phone, mail or online as directed in the 2012 Virginia Hunting Regulations guide. Online registration at www.vaquotahunts.com

Registration dates: Ongoing July 1, 2012 through end of hunt season

Cost: Application fee of \$7.50 plus non-refundable \$15.00 permit fee

BLACK BEAR HUNT Annual quota hunt.

Scouting date: November 14, 2012

Hunt dates: November 15, 16, 17, 2012. *Portions of the refuge will be closed to all other public use activities on scheduled hunt days.*

Registration: closed

Mark your Calendars! Details will follow...



GREAT DISMAL SWAMP BIRDING FESTIVAL

Guided bird walks and bus tours, photography workshops, beginning birding classes, canoeing, and more! Registration details will be posted by early March, 2013.

Location: Refuge grounds

Dates: April 25-27, 2013

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